



# Broadview Fire Department

## Incident Management Team

Chief John H. Tierney

2010 Annual Report



The Broadview Fire Department has accepted the Incident Management Team concept as an integral part of the NIMS Command System used by FEMA and all the agencies that are involved with during major emergencies. The IMT responds to local, county, state and national emergencies. There are several levels of training required by FEMA. There are 5 levels of training to become at the Incident Management Team level. At each level you are taught the Command & General Staff positions and their tasks along with all the necessary FEMA paperwork required. This level of training allows us to work with the Unified Command and run incidents that may take days and even weeks to recovery from.

All Village Officials are required to take classes and starting with the basic 700 NIMS, An Introduction. This class is be taught by Chief Tierney, who at this time has the highest level of NIMS Training on the department. He is a Type III Incident Manager and is working towards a Type II. He is also a member of the State of Illinois Incident Management Team which responds to all natural and manmade disasters within the state. The team has also taken part in incidents outside the state and is getting the national recognition for their knowledge and understanding of the IC Command Structure.

## Incident Management Team

Over the last several years Chief Tierney has been activated to be a part of Incident Management Teams both locally and out of state. He has been to; Utticca, IL, for the tornado; Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana; Quincy, IL, for the flooding on the Mississippi River and went to California to work with a Type I Team at the Panther wild land fire.

He is currently working with members of MABAS Division 20 to establish a team to assist at major emergencies that might occur within the Division. He is also a member of the MABAS Incident Management Team Committee that is working on a statewide MABAS Response Team.

All firefighters are required to be trained to the entry level for the first responder. All Officers are required to be certified to the Command & General Staff level. This program is monitored and classes provided by Deputy Chief Jack Kowalksi, Training Officer.

The training for theses levels is done in house or at local sites through out the area. Some of our Officers have received higher levels of training because of their positions on local and state teams. Deputy Chief Kowalski and Captain Gaertner have received the special training in NIMS because of their roles on the State Urban Search & Rescue Team, where they hold the titles of Task Force Leaders. When assigned to a building collapse anywhere in the country. The training they have received will allow them to function under a Unified Command System that is a part of the NIMS. Both Officers play a major role in the establishment of Incident Action Plans and the operations of the system within the department. They continue to bring their knowledge to our members to make everyone more effective and safe on the scene of any emergency we face.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Tierney



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## Building Preplans

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All members of the department participate in the development of building preplans. Preplans of buildings are created to facilitate a planned tactical procedure for fire attack, rescue and firefighter rescue from a building that is on fire or structurally compromised. Pre-incident knowledge of a building is invaluable information for command officers to be able to mitigate emergencies while reducing the likelihood of injury or death to responding firefighters.

Preplans of buildings are done on any public building within the village including commercial, industrial and multi tenant apartment buildings. Preplans are created by firefighters who physically inspect each building noting the building layout, all possible exits, hazards, utility placement and fire fighting assets such as automatic alarm systems and fire suppression systems. This information and more is incorporated in the original drawings, converted to a digital format and uploaded to the department mobile computers for retrieval when needed.

Preplanning of buildings is a never ending, ongoing process. As buildings change owners, are updated, renovated, or newly constructed, the preplans are revisited and changes to the preplans are updated providing up to date information for future incidents. In 2010, 162 preplans were completed or updated on apartment buildings, and 147 commercial and industrial buildings throughout the village. Preplanning has also provided ongoing training

opportunities for our firefighters to remain familiar with the structures in town as well as the ability to get out into the community showing the residents and business community our commitment to provide professional service.

Respectfully submitted,

Lieutenant Jonathan Hoadley

